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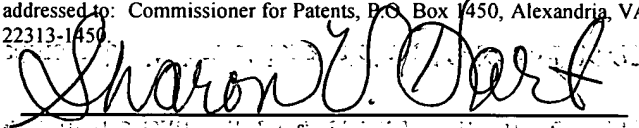
For: AN OPTICAL CROSS CONNECT EMPLOYING A CURVED OPTICAL  
COMPONENT

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2004**

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This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated February 12, 2004 for which the date for response is March 12, 2004.

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner required that Applicants elect one of species A-E corresponding to Figure 3A, Figure 4, Figure 6, Figure 7, and Figure 8, respectively. The Examiner further alleges that the application contains claims directed to sub-species corresponding to the Figures 5A-D and required that Applicants elect a sub-species consonant with the species election.

In response to the restriction requirement that the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 16-19, 21, and 26-27. Applicants submit that at least claims 16-17 and 26-27 are generic and the remaining claims are directed to the species and sub-species corresponding to

Figures 3A and 5C. Applicants also submit that claims 20, 22-25, and 28-29 will be entitled to rejoinder upon receiving an indication that one or more generic claims are allowable.

No fee is believed due as a result of the response contained herein. However, **should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2100.004382.**

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (713) 934-4052 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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